GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of the foodgrains exported are much lower than that of foodgrains available for Above Poverty Line families in the domestic market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether foodgrains have been imported during each of the last three years; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise and foodgrains-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a)&(b): Wheat and rice are being made available from the Central Pool for the purpose of export.WTO compatible expenses are also allowed to the exporters, which makes the net price payable by them lower than the APL price.

(c): No foodgrains had been imported on Government account during the last three years.

(d): Does not arise.